Lieut. C. Garratty—Jail Test, Third-class Test in Tamil, Army Test in colloquial Hindustani.

(c) The promotion of jailers to the post of superintendent is by selection and not necessarily by seniority. Six jailers who have been considered fit have been promoted as superintendents in preference to their seniors.

(d) One jailer petitioned to the Government but the Government did not see sufficient reason to reconsider their orders.

(e) No.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—" May I know if there is any policy or principle underlying the direct recruitment of persons as jailers ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" As far as I can see, there is no principle except the question of efficiency."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Is the hon. the Law Member aware that a year or two ago applications were called for from people of this place for the appointment of jailers ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" No, Sir ; I am not aware."

General

Legislative programme of the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government.

11-15 a.m. * 1586 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state his legislative programme for the rest of the life of this Council ?

A.—The following Bills are under consideration :—

(1) A Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.
(2) A Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.
(3) A Bill to amend the Madras Village Panchayat Act, 1920.
(4) A Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926.
(5) A Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1929 (regarding timber tax).
(6) A Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (regarding levy of an advertisement tax).
(7) A Bill to amend the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—" May I know if in the long catalogue here any of these bills is going to be introduced either this month or before August ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" It depends on the progress made by the Drafting Department."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—" Am I to understand that these bills are being drafted and are not ready ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The hon. Member is right in his assumption."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—" Are they being drafted or is the drafting not yet begun ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I thought I made my hon. Friend understand that they were in the process of being drafted."

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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether he expects to finish all or any of the Bills mentioned in the list during the lifetime of the Council? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" If the hon. Member waits and sees, he will know the result."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know, with reference to No. (5), what made the Government to reject the private Bill ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The reasons for the rejection were given on the floor of this House."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if all the Bills—there are seven here—are at the same time being drafted ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That was what I said."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister how many of these Bills he will introduce before he goes to the Nilgiris ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" None at all."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" How many does he expect to close before the life time of this Council."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" He is doubtful, he said, as to their introduction."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the drafting is impeded in view of certain private Bills already before the House ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" To a certain extent."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know when the drafting was commenced in regard to each of these Bills ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Local Boards Bill was taken up as far back as the year 1927, but it is being re-drafted in view of the amendments carried by a committee of members of this Council."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know how many are engaged in this business of drafting ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether all these Bills were not being drafted during the period of office of the late Raja of Panagal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Not in the form in which they are being drafted at present."

Mr ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I enquire when the drafting of the Bill to amend the Madras Elementary Education Act was commenced ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" About January 1927."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know who is drafting these Bills ? "